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## **Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please replace the entire Abstract and replace it with the following:

A method for two-dimensionally separating substances characterized by using a plurality of separating media independently of each other for second dimensional separation step. A clear separation of the image free from distortion of the separation spot can be obtained. The method can be applied to two-dimensional electrophoresis for proteome analysis, and hence reproducibility can be significantly improved.